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Case PA-221

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a UTILITY patent application for filing as identified below:

**Inventor(s): SYLVAIN DOMINIQUE MASSET,  
GARY WARREN MCCURDY AND RICHARD ALAN RUSKEY**

**Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING MOISTURE FROM A TEST  
SAMPLE**

**Drawings:** Three (3) sheets depicting Figs. 1-8

Small Entity (Verified Statement Attached)

Basic Fee ----- \$ 385.00

   Claims over 20 x \$9.00----\$

   Independent claims over  
1 x \$43.00 -----\$

0 Multiple dependent claims  
\$140.00-----\$

**TOTAL FILING FEE      \$ 385.00**

Other

Basic Fee ----- \$

   Claims over 20 x \$18.00----\$

   Independent claims over  
3 x \$86.00 -----\$

   Multiple dependent claims  
\$280.00-----\$

**TOTAL FILING FEE**

X A check in the amount of **\$385.00** is attached hereto to cover the filing fee.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 13-2759.

Respectfully submitted,

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